

March 20.

ANOTHER BANKER ASHORE.

Sch. Bohemia in Trouble at Whitehead, N. S.

Big Tug Sent from Halifax to Her Assistance.

Another of the Gloucester salt bank codfishing fleet is in trouble. Word was sent to Halifax, N. S., last night from Whitehead, N. S., stating that sch. Bohemia of this port engaged in a salt bank trip, was ashore and asking that a tug be sent to her assistance. The tug Roebbing, one of the largest on the Nova Scotia coast, was sent to her assistance at midnight. The Bohemia is a fine vessel, 124.43 tons gross, 85.43 tons net, owned by Sylvanus Smith & Co., commanded by Capt. Ormsby Seeley and insured by the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company.

A despatch to the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company this forenoon states that the vessel is ashore at Whitehead, N. S. harbor.

March 21.

GLOUCESTER SKIPPER.

Will Be Manager of Big Southern Fish Concern.

We understand that on April 1, at the meeting of stockholders of the Mobile Fish and Oyster Co., Mobile, Ala., the present manager A. Balladares, has been connected with the concern for the past 15 years, and now resigns to go into business of the same nature on his own account on premises not distant from the present location of the concern he will sever. Capt. James R. Clark, of Gloucester, Mass., and until lately commander of the fishing vessel which bears his name, will succeed Mr. Balladares as manager. Capt. Clark has arrived from Boston and is being "broken in" to fill the responsible position which he will occupy after April 1. Capt. Clark has been identified with the snapper fishing business for a score of years, and has established a reputation of being hardworking and reliable, hence it is expected that this combined with a good supply of business sense will make a good manager for the said concern, whose largest interests and energy are concentrated in the snapper business.—New York Fishing Gazette.

March 21.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Vigilant, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Etta Mildred, shore.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, via Boston.
Sch. Walter P. Gouliart, via Boston.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.
Sch. Massasoit, via Boston.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Julietta, shore.
Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, via Boston.
Sch. Matchless, via Boston.
Sch. Emily Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Salt headline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$4.50 for large, 3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.00.

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$3.00 for medium.

Newfoundland frozen herring for bait, \$3.00 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 per cwt.

Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Fresh halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. James S. Steele, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Minerva, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Dixie, 500 haddock, 3500 cod.

Sch. Vera, 40,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Nokomis, 1200 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Shepherd King, 2000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Arbitrator, 1000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2500 hake, 3000 cusk, 10,000 halibut.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen.

Sch. M. P. Howlett, 12,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Motor, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, 40,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, 10,000 haddock.

Sch. Marion, 1800 cod.

Haddock \$3 to \$4, large cod \$4 to \$4.50, market cod \$2 to \$3, pollock \$4, hake \$2 to \$6, cusk \$1.50.

March 22.

WIDESPREAD DAMAGE.

Caused by Gale on the Newfoundland Coast.

An equinoctial gale raged Tuesday night and Wednesday over the whole Newfoundland coast, causing widespread damage. Shipping reports from various centres show that several vessels have been wrecked and wharves and other water front property destroyed. Two vessels, the Scintilla and the Rover, are missing, and it is feared that both have foundered with their crews. All fishing craft on the south coast are compelled to remain in harbor. Nothing has been heard from the sealing fleet since it left St. John's 11 days ago.

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Blue Fishing Fleet.

Many of the vessels running to Fulton Market are fitting out for blue fishing in southern waters, and a few captains have already left for the scene of operations. The remaining members of the fleet will sail next week and expect a profitable season.

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HAD BAD WEATHER.

Incoming Vessels Had Rough Time on Georges.

Crews Had Hardly a Chance To Fish During Trips.

Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin, Capt. Charles White, arrived from Georges haddocking this morning. Capt. White reports very hard weather, with hardly a chance to fish and was very glad to know that his two missing men, whose rescue has been previously reported in the TIMES, had been picked up and were safe.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Capt. Isaac Merchant, arrived this morning from Georges halibuting. Capt. Merchant reports most terrible weather since March came in and only on one day was the weather what could be called fair and before that closed they had a gale of wind. What sets were had they had to fairly steal and take chances on. The Hodgdon came through all of the bad blows without damage and captain and crew consider themselves lucky.

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Good Trips at Boston.

Sch. Orinoco, Capt. Clarence Malone, and sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Griffin, are at Boston today with big fares of fresh fish.

I see that the Gloucester fish packers and curers, in their efforts to be still allowed the use of boric acid on salt codfish, and which they will have if the Pure Food Bill passes, as now seems likely, with Senator Lodge's amendment, have a champion in the person of W. E. Baker of Brooklyn, N. Y. I don't know Mr. Baker, but evidently he is interested in the matter for he has written a long letter to the Man About Town of the Salem News, the following being an extract from the same:

"I have spent a number of years among fishermen all along the Atlantic coast, and I am aware of great losses occurring among the fish merchants on account of not having a good method to preserve the fish. To overcome the losses and to preserve the fish, ice and salt were used. Ice is a fair preservative, but it does not prevent the chemical changes that are undoubtedly dangerous to the consumer.

"Salt is a fair preservative, but such large quantities are required that it destroys the natural flavor and comparatively burns up the fish. Salt cured cod are not edible until they have been parboiled, or soaked over night to withdraw the salt. This process also withdraws much of the nutriment. Consequently, the salt cured cod is not as nutritious, and the original flavor has been destroyed. The climatic conditions around Gloucester prevent the curing of cod with salt alone. A fungus growth develops along the back bone of the salt cured cod that renders it unfit for consumption.

"About 52 years ago the Gloucester fishermen experimented with boric acid. They learned the mixture of one-half boric acid and one-half salt would prevent the fungus growth and by this mixture they could cure the fish with much less salt, resulting in the mild cured cod that has made Gloucester famous throughout the world. If the pure food bill had prevented the use of boric acid on cod, it would have ruined the fish industry in Massachusetts.

"Borax and boric acid are salts, milder in their action on fish and meats than common salt. An outward application of borax or boric acid will preserve fish or meat. They do not penetrate as salt does, so they are preferable to salt for preservative purposes."

March 22.

SALT BANKERS SEEN.

Cod Plentiful Off Burgeo but Weather Is Bad.

Letter from Well Known Skipper Says the Same.

The news in some of the Newfoundland papers recently as to the large amount of codfish on the fishing grounds off Burgeo, Port au Basque, Channel and vicinity is confirmed by Capt. Norman A. Ross of the lost sch. Golden-Rod and also by a letter from Capt. Valentine O'Neil of sch. Elmer E. Gray.

Capt. Ross, who left Burgeo only three days ago, states that the fishermen there all tell of the abundance of cod. He also saw Capt. Charles Upshell of sch. Maxine Elliott and Capt. Patrick Shea of sch. Colonial, both of this port, both engaged in salt banking, who were in there.

Sch. Maxine Elliott had 115 tubs of fish and sch. Colonial 90 tubs. Both reported that there were plenty of fish on the grounds but the weather was so bad that there was hardly a day when they could fish. When they could set their trawls they had found good fishing. Both were hoping for a spell of good weather.

A letter was received by a prominent skipper here yesterday, dated at Port au Basque, from Capt. O'Neil of sch. Elmer E. Gray of Boston, who is on a cod and halibut trip in that vicinity, which confirms the report about cod being plenty and says when there is a chance to fish a vessel can get from 50 to 60 tubs of fish a day.

The letter also says that the weather has been so bad that none of the vessels have had a chance to do much. The last few days before the letter was written they had done some fishing and got good returns. All were hoping that they would have a spell of good weather so that they could get a chance at the big school of fish before it passed along.

March 22.

Halibut Sales.

The fare of sch. Margaret sold to the New England Fish Co., at 8 cents per pound for white and 5 cents for gray.

The fare of sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon sold to the New England Fish Company at 7 cents per pound for white and 5 cents for gray.

March 22.

Waiting for Her Engine.

The handsome new sch. Alert is being rigged and fitted for her southern seining voyage. She is now waiting for her gasoline engine. It is expected soon and will be quickly installed on his arrival as Capt. Vautier is anxious to get away in good season.

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Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin, Georges, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, shore.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Stranger, shore.
Sch. Genesta, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. James S. Steele, shore.

Sch. Flavilla, shore.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, shore.
Sch. Albert W. Black, shore.
Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Georges, 4000 lbs. halibut, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish, 10,000 lbs. salt fish.

Sch. Harrie M. Young, shore.
Sch. George H. Lube, shore.
Sch. Hope, shore.

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Boston.

Sch. Regina, 60,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Diana, 50,000 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 65,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 1000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 4000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Emerald, 7000 haddock.

Sch. Rapidan, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod.

Str. Quartette, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Priscilla, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. William A. Morse, 6000 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Conqueror, 70,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Orinoco, 70,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Almeida, 9000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.60 to \$3.25; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3.25; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines was at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday.

Sch. Blanche arrived at Canso, N. S., on Monday. Schs. Arthur Binney, J. J. Flaherty and Helen F. Whitten were also there the same day.

Sch. Lena and Maud is fitting for south seining under command of Capt. Fred Carritt.

Sch. Essex was at Halifax, N. S., yesterday.

Capt. William Corkum will fit the new sch. Romance for south seining.

Sch. Constellation is being fitted for south seining.

Capt. Wallace Parsons has arrived and will fit sch. Ingomar for south seining.

March 23.

HAVE NOT FISHED.

American Bankers Are Still at Nova Scotia Port.

Bad Weather and Frequent Gales Have Bothered.

Up to date over 30 sail of the local salt bank fleet have sailed and thus far but very few of them have met a hook.

A few of the earliest ones went direct to the northward, off the Newfoundland coast, and letters from them state that in 30 days they have had a chance to put their trawls out but five times, so bad has been the weather.

Along the Nova Scotia coast it has been about one continued gale for a month, and American bankers are in port at the harbors from Yarmouth to Canso, waiting for some half decent kind of weather to go to the Peak and other fishing spots.

Many of the firms have received letters recently from their salt bank skippers, stating that they are still in port and have not had a chance to fish on account of the weather.

March 23.

PROPOSED WAR ON DOGFISH.

Washington, March 23.—Representative Greene (Mass.) introduced a bill appropriating \$25,000 to be used by the bureau of fisheries to experiment with dogfish for the purpose of lessening the damage it does to other fish and to develop a plan to capture these fish in large quantities and discover a market for them.

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Found Bit of Ambergris.

Thomas Gaskill of the crew of the Sandy Hook life-saving station, while patrolling the beach Wednesday morning picked up a small piece of what at first seemed to be pumice stone, but found it corresponded with the description of ambergris. He submitted it to the government chemists at the Hook proving ground laboratory, who found it ambergris. The whole piece weighs only a little over two ounces, but is worth over \$40.